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RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL OF CLUTTON
THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report for the year 1945.

The report is an ordinary one abbreviated in accordance with the instructions of the Ministry of Health.

SECTION A

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area in Acres :- 42,645

Registrar General's estimate of Resident Population, 1945:- 16,790.

Number of inhabited house in 1945:- 4,830

Rateable value:- £68,386.

Sum represented by a Penny rate:- £279

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR

<u>Live Births</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Legitimate	312	173	139
Illegitimate	12	5	7
	324	178	146

Rate per 1,000 of the Population:- 19.28

<u>Still Births</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Legitimate	7	3	4
Illegitimate	7	3	4
	14	6	8

Rate of Still Births per 1,000 Births:- 21.60

Deaths from all causes.

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Tuberculosis:-					
Respiratory.	1	2	Diabetes.	-	1
Cancer all forms.	13	15	Intracranial vascular		
Bronchitis.	9	5	Lesions.	11	16
Pneumonia.	1	5	Heart Disease.	33	29
Other respiratory			Other circulatory		
Diseases.	5	-	Diseases.	4	3
Nephritis.	4	2	Ulcer of Stomach.	3	-
Premature Births.	-	3	Other Digestive		
Other violent causes.	3	1	Diseases.	2	1
All other causes.	4	14	Congenital malbirth.	3	4
Influenza.	1	-	Road Traffic Accidents		
Encephalitis.	1	1			
Whooping cough.	-	1			
Puerperal Sepsis.	-	1	Total	98	105

Total number of deaths :- 203

Death rate per 1,000 population :- 12.09

Deaths of Infants under one year of Age.

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate.	4	5	9
Illegitimate.	-	1	1
	4	6	10

Death rate of Infants under one year per 1,000 live births :- 30.86

NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES RECEIVED.

<u>Disease</u>	<u>Total cases notified</u>	<u>Cases admitted to Isolation Hospital</u>	<u>Deaths</u>
Scarlet Fever.	20	17	-
Diphtheria.	4	2	-
Pneumonia.	10	-	6
	34	19	6

NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES RECEIVED

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Erysipelas.	34	19	6
Whooping Cough.	4	-	-
Measles.	91	-	1
	328	-	-
	<u>457</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>7</u>

<u>Tuberculosis.</u>	<u>Total cases notified</u>	<u>Total deaths</u>
Respiratory.	11	3
Non-respiratory.	2	-
	<u>13</u>	<u>3</u>

Tuberculosis Register.

The total number of cases on the Register at Dec. 31st, 1945 was

<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
44	43	87

SECTION B

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

Public Health Officers of the Local Authority remain the same:-
 Medical Officer of Health :- Dr. R. V. Brew, Chew Magna.
 Sanitary Inspector and Surveyor :- Mr. E. Shaw.

Mr. Shaw has during the year, carried out the many and varied duties of Sanitary Inspector and Surveyor without assistance, as the Council have not been able to replace the Assistant Sanitary Inspectors who have left the services of the Council during the war.

SECTION C

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

The Sanitary Circumstances of the area remain practically the same as before the war. The housing situation in the District is still very acute, and houses of every description being very difficult to obtain.

This involves a certain amount of overcrowding which is being controlled as far as is possible.

WATER

Mr. Shaw, the Sanitary Inspector, procured 24 routine samples and submitted them to the County Analyst, with the results that 9 were found to be satisfactory, 2 not quite satisfactory and 13 unsatisfactory.

The Council's Townsend East Harptree Spring delivered water of a consistently satisfactory quality. The Chlorinating Plants at Pitt Farm Reservoir and at the Townsend East Harptree Pumping Station still continue to give satisfactory results.

The quality of the water supplied by the Downside Authority proved on Analysis to be satisfactory on each of the four occasions when samples were taken.

SECTION D

HOUSING

Work under this heading is still suspended.

SECTION E

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

I see from the report submitted by Mr. Shaw, Sanitary Inspector that the total weight of food stuffs condemned and voluntarily surrendered by the owners as being unfit for human food was:-
 Meat 105 tins 204½ lbs.; Milk 237 tins 193 lbs.; Fish 36 tins 20 lbs.
 Soup 2 tins 2lbs.; Peas 3 tins 5 lbs.; Beans 1 tin 1 lb.; Fruit 7 tins
 10½ lbs.; 25 lbs. raisins, 30 lbs. cod, 56 lbs. plaice, 25 lbs. beef, 89
 lbs. Hake, 3 cwt split peas, 170 lbs. pearl barley, 104½ lbs. mustard
 and 140 lbs. Semolina.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD
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Where it was possible this was used for Animal and Poultry Feeding stuffs after suitable sterilization.

SECTION F

SANITARY CONDITIONS

During the year the Sanitary Inspector served 42 preliminary notices in connection with the abatement of nuisances in connection with dwelling houses. The number of nuisances discovered and abated was 171 and the number of inspections made for the purpose of detecting the existence of nuisances was 202.

SCAVENGING OF THE DISTRICT

At the commencement of the year, there were only two Parishes where Public Scavenging was not carried out, these Parishes are Nempnett and Norton Malreward.

DISINFECTION OF HOUSES

23 inquiries were made upon removal of the patients to Hospital and 22 rooms were disinfected during the year. 18 rooms were disinfected after Infectious Diseases and 4 after Tuberculosis.

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I have the honour to remain,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

Richard V. Brew, M.B., B.S.

Medical Officer of Health.

